

Cooperative Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Workshop – Guidelines for Participation

TO WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:

This workshop is designed to encourage open discussion and to enable participants to freely share both their experiences and ideas about cooperative damage assessment. With this goal in mind, the workshop planners ask that all participants follow the guidelines discussed below.

Actively Participate

This is a work session in the true fashion. All invitees will be asked to participate by providing thoughts on possible approaches, mechanisms, tools, or documents that can enhance future cooperative damage assessments. In short, this workshop will be a brainstorming session that garners the collective wisdom of—and informs all—200 participants invited from throughout the country and from all interest groups.

Optimize our Time

Since the workshop is only two days, there are a few things you can do beforehand to optimize the time we have together. We ask that you:

- Reflect upon your experiences and knowledge as they may apply to cooperative damage assessments. Be prepared to discuss your experiences and ideas, and feel free to bring materials that would help explain thoughts you have respecting the conduct of future cooperative damage assessments.
- Consider possible opportunities where cooperative damage assessments could be initiated.
- Carefully review any communications or materials that we send to you. Please feel free to call Eli Reinharz, Lisa Pelstring, or [Robin Rorick](#) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding technical aspects of the workshop. Please contact Madeleine Sellouk with logistical questions.

Encourage Open Dialogue

You can contribute to establishing a dynamic and open environment in which all participants feel free to exchange ideas by doing the following:

- Focus your discussion on ways to enhance cooperative damage assessments, but refrain about discussing case- or site-sensitive issues. Reference specific cases and past case approaches only when doing so will further the audience's understanding of your comment.
- A wide range of interest groups will be represented at the workshop—industry, state and federal government, environmental groups, and tribes. Encourage open dialogue that acknowledges and respects the ideas and positions of other participants.
- Please refrain from marketing any services or products.

Thank You! We hope to see you at the *Cooperative Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Workshop*.

Questions? Please call –

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